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1. Following our discussion of certain specific problems, CAUSA informed me that on 16 September the Chancellor had ordered Theo. BLANK to dismiss CAPOTE forthwith. BLANK told the Chancellor that he had already made up his mind to release CAPOTE but wanted to wait for the elections in order to prevent CAPOTE from airing his grievances in the press, which would only have the government involved in a series of unpleasant denials and counter-accusations. According to CAUSA, the question now arises as to how long BLANK will be able to delay the actual removal of CAPOTE from his present position in the Amt Blank.
2. I tried to pump CAUSA regarding the future setup in the German Government but I could not get a peep out of him although, I am sure, he more than anyone else has a great deal to say about the formation of the new Cabinet. He merely explained to me the unreasonable demands of various party leaders, Bavarian politicians, religious factions and plain individuals, all asking for a major share in ministerial positions or on parliamentary committees. He said the Chancellor had talked to all of them without making any commitments and no decision could be expected before 10 October when the Chancellor would introduce his new Cabinet.

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